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TENDENCY TO GET OUT OF HOGS NOW MARKED

NO DEMAND TODAY FOR FEEDER HOGS AS FEED COSTS UP

Feeding Curtailed Heavily—Tendency Likely to Continue Until Balance Restored

MARKETINGS HEAVY

Ottawa Advises Farmers Hold Some Cattle in Check to Prevent Flooding of Markets

As a result of the substantial rise in prices of oats and barley following the lifting of controls, there is now an extreme tendency for farmers to get out of hogs, it is reported by the Alberta Livestock Co-operative. Feeding has been curtailed heavily, and there is no demand for feeder hogs. Unless and until a balance is restored between feed and hog prices, (which if feed prices remain at their present levels means that the prices of hogs must go up), the tendency to curtail hog production is expected to continue. The tendency is of course also making itself felt in other classes of livestock production.

By M. McDougall,
Press Gallery, Ottawa

(Special to The Western Farm Leader)

OTTAWA, Nov. 5th.—As soon as the packing plant strike ended, livestock began to roll into the various Canadian markets. Notwithstanding this heavy tide of marketings—particularly in hogs—there has been little change in prices.

Car Demand Exceeds Supply

Naturally the demand for livestock cars on the railways is far in excess of supply and the Department of Agriculture here is advising farmers to hold some of their cattle in check to prevent the markets being unduly flooded. Otherwise the facilities of the plants will be overtaxed and prices affected.

While it is the usual thing at the close of the harvesting season to see pretty heavy marketing of cattle, calves, hogs and sheep, this year it will be particularly heavy, as with the packing strike on for a month handicapping facilities, farmers will naturally want to get rid of the backlog. (The shortage is of course in large measure due to the fact that cars needed for livestock are being used for other purposes, and there will be a good deal of difficulty until these get back into circulation.)

Unofficial hog marketings for the week ending October 25th had risen from 43,000 the previous week to 104,000. The marketing figure for the succeeding week (which will have been released when this is printed) is expected to be still higher. The rate of increase in hogs is higher than in cattle, because hogs must be marketed from 200 to 215 pounds to come within the highest grade, which gets

A.F.A. Invites U.F.A. Consider Merger

Reported To Be Home For Royal Couple



Windlesham Moor (above) will be the official home, according to report from London, of Princess Elizabeth and Lieut. Mountbatten after their marriage on November 20th. The house is situated on the 50-acre Surrey estate—one of the most beautiful in Britain, 25 miles from London. The estate includes a nine-hole golf course. Mansion and grounds are seen from the air.

Making World Wide Appeal for Children

(Co-operative League News Service)

LAKE SUCCESS, N.Y.—A total of at least \$60,000,000 has been set as the goal for the American drive for the United Nations Appeal for Children. The appeal to be world-wide in scope, will be in charge of Chester Bowles, former Economic Stabilization Director in the U.S., and Lord Rusholme, president of the International Co-operative Alliance, will serve on the advisory committee.

the best price and the \$2 premium (on A grade).

Good News for British

The restored run of hogs is not only helping the farmers; it is also good news for the British, who because of reduced receipts have been forced to reduce their already slim ration (from 2 ounces a week per person to 2 ounces a fortnight).

The Current Review of Agricultural Conditions states that from January 1st to October 4th, Canada has shipped 184.3 million pounds of bacon and 2.6 million pounds of pork offals to Britain. There will be a new impetus to export with the close of the packing strike, but it is obvious that for the year Canada will be below its contract figure of 350,000,000 pounds.

More Hogs on Farms

There is, however, a concrete item of promise for the future in the increase in the number of hogs on the farms. On June 1st the number was 5,473,200, an increase of 11.5 per cent

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EDMONTON BRANCH TO BE OPENED COMING WINTER

C.C.I.L. Expects Fair Volume
Machinery for Alberta
in Spring

FROM BRANTFORD PLANT

Also Implements From Plant
Owned by Co-operative at
Elmwood, Winnipeg

While the priorities of wartime production which continued until the end of hostilities, together with the shortages of material during the post-war period, meant unavoidable postponement of the time when Canadian Co-operative Implements, Ltd., could commence actual deliveries to the farmers, the prolonged period of preparation has been used to great advantage, and the new Co-operative can face the future with far greater confidence, based on solid achievement in organization of its business structure, than could otherwise have been the case.

This is the judgment formed by The Western Farm Leader following a recent visit to Winnipeg, where we had the good fortune to meet the President, John B. Brown, and to learn from him something of the plans of the Co-operative for the period immediately ahead.

Mr. Brown made the announcement of special interest to Alberta farmers, that a branch of C.C.I.L.

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LEAVE WAY OPEN TO A.F.U. TO JOIN FEDERATION PLAN

Board of United Farmers of Alberta
to Ask Locals to Consider
Suggestion

SEEK OLEO BAN

Ask Coarse Grains Removal From
Exchange Operations—Urge
U.S. Market for Cattle

Locals of the United Farmers of Alberta will be asked to consider an invitation received by the U.F.A. Board from the Alberta Federation of Agriculture some two weeks ago.

The Federation invited the U.F.A. Board to consider the merger of the United Farmers of Alberta with the Federation in the event of negotiations with the A.F.U. failing, "leaving the way open for them to join" also should they wish to take such a course.

Locals Asked to Consider and Act

The Locals will now be asked to consider this suggestion and to take action at the convention to be held in Edmonton in January.

As a detailed statement by the U.F.A. Board printed on page 7 in this issue makes clear, the Board, for reasons set forth in that document, considers that "no good purpose can be served" by continuing negotiations with the A.F.U. "on the present basis".

Mr. Pharis of the Prices Support Board, who sat in with the Directors, received their hearty thanks, and the wish of members for his success in his work as a representative of the farmers of Alberta on that body.

Disappointed in De-Control Policy

"Keen disappointment" of the U.F.A. Central Board "at the general de-control policy now being carried out and particularly at the removal of price ceilings on coarse grains after a large part of the harvest has been taken off by the grain trade", was expressed by the U.F.A. Central Board at a recent meeting.

It was agreed that Hon. J. G. Gardiner, Minister of Agriculture, should be notified of the Board's disappointment with the Dominion Government's actions in this respect; and the Government was requested to remove coarse grains from the operations of the grain exchange forthwith.

Ask Opening U.S. Cattle Market

Action taken by the Canadian Federation of Agriculture seeking restoration of the export market for cattle to the United States, was endorsed. Setting up by the Dominion Government of machinery to export a limited number of cattle so as to maintain the U.S. market connection, was sought by the C.F.A., and it was asked that any surplus money accruing on such transactions be used

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Central Alberta Dairy Pool Section

Slogan for To-day: "More Milk From Every Cow"



Butterfat Prices for Creamery Butter

Many members who are producing cream for churning purposes, no doubt, were quite pleased with the several price increases that were made effective during the latter part of July and all of August and extending into the first part of September. These increases, together with the other ones that came earlier in the season, really made a good can of cream more worthwhile.

Truth of Old Saying

At the same time, no doubt, we all realized the truth of the old saying, "What goes up, must, generally speaking, come down." The increases that were made effective in August were too rapid for the trade to assimilate without some reaction. Thus it was that during the last few days two of our recent increases in price had to be withdrawn, and you may be wondering whether there are more decreases in the offing.

Now that butter prices are subject to all the reactions from a supply and demand market, it is necessary that we accommodate ourselves again to a condition where there might be more fluctuations from week to week than were experienced in the war years where the prices on selling were controlled and consequently, at the same time, stabilized buying quotations. (Contd. page 3, col. 2)

The Fieldman Looks Back

TWO years ago as I write I was given the responsibility of editing the C.A.D. Pool portion of *The Western Farm Leader* and every two weeks since then I have tried to keep our articles interesting and up to date.

Whether I have succeeded or not is not for me to say but I do know that this work has given me a great deal of satisfaction and now and again someone has been kind enough to say that they have profited by reading our articles.

Mastitis Spread Causes Concern

Looking over past issues of *The Western Farm Leader*, I am conscious of the fact that we have discussed Mastitis in dairy cattle very frequently. My daily work takes me to every type of farm with dairy cows of every breed and I am growing more concerned as the weeks go by, by the growing evidence of mastitis to be found in dairy herds.

Mastitis in its early stages can be cured in most cases, but the important point is to know how to recognize the symptoms. It is not my purpose in this article to go over the same ground again as regards Mastitis, but I would like to remind you that the C.A.D. Pool has a field service and we are giving help to our members in the solving of their dairy problems every day.

Buying Dates for Dressed Poultry

DECEMBER, 1947

Place	Representative	Date	Place	Representative	Date
Alix	Creamery	Dec. 1 to 17	RED DEER AND DISTRICT		
STETTLER AND DISTRICT			Red Deer	New Warehouse	Dec. 1 to 17
Stettler	Creamery	Dec. 1 to 17	Innisfail	Innisfail Hatchery	Dec. 1 to 17
Byemoor	G. D. Browne	Dec. 5 and 12		(Ray Manuel)	
Endiang	Red & White Stores	Dec. 5 and 12	Lacombe	Hunt Brothers	Dec. 1 to 17
Gadsby	Gadsby Meat Mkt.	Dec. 1 to 17	Sylvan Lake	Creamery	Dec. 1 to 17
	(Ron Walters)		OLDS AND DISTRICT		
Castor	Reg M. Milson	Dec. 1 to 17	Olds	Creamery	Dec. 1 to 17
CORONATION AND DISTRICT			Bowden	H. Ensland & Son	Dec. 1 to 17
Coronation	Creamery	Dec. 1 to 17	Rocky Mt. Hse.	Creamery	Dec. 1 to 17
Veteran	E. Melin	Dec. 8 and 15	ECKVILLE AND DISTRICT		
Monitor	E. L. Johnson	Dec. 4 and 11	Eckville	Creamery	Dec. 1 to 17
ELNORA AND DISTRICT			Leslieville	Crawford Store	Dec. 10
Elnora	Creamery	Dec. 1 to 17	Condor	Perry Store	Dec. 11
Trochu	Central Meat Mkt.	Dec. 4 and 11	Alhambra	Community Hall	Dec. 9
	(A. Sollberger)		BENTLEY-RIMBEY AND DISTRICT		
PONOKA AND DISTRICT			Bentley	Creamery	Dec. 1 to 17
Ponoka	Creamery	Dec. 1 to 17	Rimbey	Creamery	Dec. 1 to 17
Usana	W. Carlson	Dec. 11	Hoactley	G. Fry	Dec. 9
Edberg	Creamery	Dec. 1 to 17	Leedale	Mrs. Regan	Dec. 11
Delburne	Creamery	Dec. 1 to 17	New Norway	Egg Station	Dec. 1 to 17

If you are not convenient to a point where our representative will be buying, our Cream Truck Driver in your district will assist in any way he can in getting your Dressed Turkeys for RECEIVING, GRADING and PAYMENT.

Central Alberta Dairy Pool

Plants at:

Alix, Bentley, Coronation, Delburne, Eckville, Edberg, Elnora, New Norway, Olds, Ponoka, Red Deer, Rocky Mountain House, Rimbey, Stettler.

Breeding Young Heifer Stock

This has been a year of many problems and difficulties on the dairy farm and one of the big difficulties has been the breeding of young heifer stock. Many cases have been reported of animals failing to settle. We have been successful in suggesting a remedy for this condition and if you have similar trouble in your herd, just write to the Fieldman.

We are very anxious to give you the best possible service in every way—if you are not pleased with the service our truckers give you, or if there is some way in which we can be of greater service to you, please write to us.

During the winter months we are planning another series of picture shows and meetings. Last winter these meetings were well attended and our Technicolor film, "The Science of Milk Production," was very much appreciated, and some districts are asking for it again.

If you and your neighbors have not seen this outstanding film, please let us know and we will arrange a date at your school house or Community Hall.

In spite of the fact that I am around our territory all the time, there are many of our members whom I have not called on. For this I am sorry—it just seems impossible to see everybody, but if you have anything you would like to talk over, drop me a line and I will call when in your district.

NORMAN K. KIRKHAM,
"Fieldman"

LANDRACE TESTS CONCLUDED

Five years' testing of Swedish Landrace swine and their progeny are described in Publication 801 of the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa. Because of the disappointing litter size, the impracticability of procuring further breeding stock and the fact that they were no better than Canadian Yorkshires in economy of production and carcass quality, the tests were concluded in 1939.

An improvement in basic feed rations for pigs and poultry, and maintenance of dairy cow rations at the levels established during the latter part of last winter, have been announced in the United Kingdom.

Tours to Great Britain, Scandinavia, Nova Scotia, and the Middle West in 1948 are planned by the Co-operative League of the C.S.A.

CENTRAL ALBERTA DAIRY POOL SECTION

Canada Breeds Best
Holsteins in World,
States ArgentinianEditor of South America's Leading
Holstein Paper Pays Tribute
to Canadians

Speaking at the Brantford Championship Holstein Show, C. Alberto Lozano, Editor of *Holando Argentino*, South America's leading Holstein paper, published in Buenos Aires, said:

"I have inspected the herds in the leading dairy countries of the world and I can tell you in all sincerity that Canadians are the best breeders of Holstein cattle in the world. Canadians are a very friendly people and I can assure you that on my return home I will be an ambassador of good-will between our two countries."

Some months ago, Mr. Lozano visited Europe to inspect the Friesian herds of Holland, and is currently touring Canada and the United States to inspect the Holsteins of this continent. He has visited the major breeding institutions in Canada and a number in the United States, and has had

BUTTERFAT PRICES

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Butter, in the opinion of many Canadians, was too low at 49c, which was the approximate figure when controls were removed. At the same time, it was considered that butter near 70c wasn't a sound price if there was to be retained for the Canadian cream producer a stable market for the future. Butter values, however, around 50c to 55c a pound would appear to be sound in every respect.

While it is impossible for us to predict what the butter values might be in future months, the signs, as we see them, indicate that present values will likely maintain, at least for the next four to five months, with a possibility of perhaps a slight increase or even a very slight decrease, according to our stock position as the government statistics will indicate from time to time. At the date of writing this article a steady market seems to be in prospect for the producer of cream for churning purposes.

an opportunity to study both United States and Canadian Holsteins at the leading shows of the two countries. On his return to Argentina he plans to publish a special issue of *Holando Argentino* describing by word and picture his visit here. In addition he has taken extensive moving pictures which will be shown to agricultural audiences in Latin America.

Dutch Unify Co-ops

THE HAGUE, Holland.—The consumers' co-operative movement in Holland, hitherto organized in three unions and a co-operative wholesale, early this fall was formed into one central association, which will function both as a union and a wholesale society, having a membership of some 300,000 families.

build community interest and activities.

The writer, in company with Joe Galway, National Farm Forum Secretary, spent the last week making contact throughout various districts in the Province. We can report considerable interest, but the delayed harvest may have prevented some Forums from getting under way on November 3rd.

Executive Meeting.—The Federation Executive met on October 21st. The main item of business was to discuss the present decontrol policy with respect to coarse grains and meats. A strong statement was prepared and forwarded to the C.F.A. for presentation to the Government.

The statement criticized the Government for removing the ceilings on oats and barley at a time when a large amount of this crop had been sold and was in the hands of the grain

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A.F.A. NOTES

By JAS. R. McFALL, Secretary

Pharis Meets with Farm Organizations.—L. E. Pharis, Alberta farmer member on the Agricultural Advisory Committee, met with Directors of farm organizations in Calgary prior to leaving for Ottawa, for a Committee meeting.

The Federation realizes that Mr. Pharis has a very important mission and since his appointment, has extended an open invitation to him to attend all Board meetings. This step has been taken in an effort to offer the greatest assistance to Mr. Pharis in his work. It is only by his association with all farm organization activities and policies that he can represent the farmers of this Province to the best of his ability.

Farm Forum Committee Meeting.

On October 16th a meeting of the Farm Forum committee was held in Edmonton. This committee which is responsible for the administration of the program in Alberta, consists of a representative from the University Extension service, the Provincial Agricultural Extension service, the U.F.A., the A.F.C. and the Alberta Federation of Agriculture.

The meeting was also attended by members of the U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. Board of Directors and Roy C. Marler, President of the Federation.

An extensive publicity program was outlined to encourage the organization of listening groups. The committee is hoping that this work will be effective and that many farm people will take advantage of this program to

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RURAL ELECTRIFICATION

In this issue we publish the last article of the important series on rural electrification in the United States, for which we are indebted to Mrs. Cora J. Kerns. We have reason to believe that these articles have aroused widespread interest among Alberta farmers and farm women.

Mrs. Kerns pays tribute to the achievement of the United Farmers of Alberta and the United Farm Women of Alberta and to the farm movement as a whole in many forms of constructive effort. The farm people of this Province, she points out, have done many things that are the envy of our neighbors in the United States. She shows, too, that the Americans received the inspiration for their plans for rural electrification from the publicly-owned Ontario Hydro-Electric, the parent of co-operative electrification, and she concludes, most appropriately:

"While they are learning from you, how to do these things, you in turn have the chance to study co-operative successes here and apply that knowledge to yourselves."

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It has been made abundantly clear that co-operative enterprise, with publicly owned electrical development behind it, has brought benefits to rural communities that "private enterprise would never have done," because:

"Even had private concerns had the vision to greater development, their operating for the profit-motive does not benefit anyone except a few farmers with ability to pay," whereas, "the medium farmers of average means and even those whose revenue is below average, could and did benefit under R.E.A."

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FULL AREA COVERAGE

Because profit is necessarily the dominant motive in development, privately owned power undertakings have tended to electrify the areas that are easy to electrify and to neglect others; and yet, in the words of Claude R. Wickard, R.E.A. Administrator,

"Only a policy of full area coverage, such as has been adopted by the more than 1,000 R.E.A. financed co-operatives and power districts, gives assurance that the 2-1/4 million unserved farms will ultimately get power."

Such coverage R.E.A. has been able to give. As Mrs. Kerns states: "The old, old story of isolated people on large farms not being paying customers has been knocked on the head under R.E.A., where they extended their lines through both thick and thin settled areas." She makes the interesting suggestion that it might be possible to get a speaker from the R.E.A. to address an audience of Alberta farm people. No doubt the interest of Alberta rural people in the possibilities of rural electrification is sufficiently widespread to assure a large audience to any speaker from the R.E.A. who might be deputed to address a gathering in this Province.

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RESULTS OF "DE-CONTROL" OBSESSION

No sooner had hostilities ended in 1945 than many newspapers and public men commenced an agitation throughout the length and breadth of North America for the abolition with all speed of all or most of the measures of economic control that had been found necessary for the successful carrying on of the war.

The "Burned Out" Veteran

*Perchance he dreams of half-forgotten days—
Of days when people cheered the singing ranks
In which he marched; when fulsome words of praise
Were heaped upon him, and his country's thanks
In joyful repetition were assured.
Or does he dwell with thoughts we may not share—
Of agonies through days and nights endured,
Of death's cold wings and souls of men laid bare?*

*The past may be forgotten in the quest
For mere survival on the grudging dole
At which his service is at last assessed.
Or does he, on this lonely last patrol,
Think comrades laid to rest across the sea
Were, after all, more fortunate than he?*

ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON.

The fact that the war had brought about changes of a very far reaching sort in the economy of the world, that many years would be required to create a healthy economic balance between one region of the world and another, was conveniently overlooked by many who hoped to profit momentarily by the sudden reversion to the so-called free market when in fact real freedom of trading had become impossible without the stimulus of vast loans.

It was overlooked, too, by many well-meaning but short-sighted people in positions of responsibility. Major price controls were lifted in the United States almost immediately after the negotiation of the British dollar loan—and the purchasing power of dollars sank—sank disastrously for Britain and the whole of Europe.

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And now, when much of the folly of high speed de-control has been made apparent, an effort is being made to deal with the situation, as one writer has put it, by "fiddling with ineffectual schemes" of a voluntary nature, to cope with a situation which has got out of hand.

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It should be quite evident that in face of so grave a problem as that which confronts the world today, appeals to individuals to go without this or that, or to individual businesses to attempt to impose controls upon the public, are bound to fail. Such voluntary schemes mean that the most conscientious people in a community make efforts doomed to futility to carry the burdens for the rest.

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STAND WELL TAKEN

The U.F.A. Central Board, dealing with policy in Canada, recently expressed "keen disappointment at the general de-control policy now being carried out."

We think the stand of the Board was well taken, both in its opposition to the policy of reckless and ill-considered and untimely de-control in general, of which we have had many experiences, and in its specific criticism of "the removal of price ceilings on coarse grains after a large part of the harvest has been taken over by the grain trade."

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AMALGAMATION

As announced elsewhere, the U.F.A. Board has submitted to the Locals an invitation from the Alberta Federation of Agriculture to consider the merger of the United Farmers of Alberta with the Federation."

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Rural Electrification in the United States

By CORA J. KERNS

Part VII

Social Significance of Electrified Farms

WE must not overlook the social significance of rural electrified farms. Working out the project together changed farmers from individualists to co-operators of the old house-raising pattern.

As in Pioneer Days

In the pioneer days of raising a log cabin, Uncle Sam furnished the raw material in the form of granting homestead rights to the farmer who lived on it. The raw material of the house, logs, shakes and timbers, were all at hand in the wood-lot, needing only labor to get the job done. To get it done quickly and well, the neighbors made a bee of it, without thought of pay for their services.

In building an electrification project, they got together and pooled their credit to Uncle Sam for a loan, to get the materials and do the job. The project was organized and operated in pure town-meeting style. It came down the path from the Mayflower, as Harry Slattery shows in his book "Rural America Lights Up", and "is grass-root democracy in operation on the economic front".

Equalizes Country With Town Cousins

Mr. Slattery goes on to show how rural electrification has an alleviating effect on the old hostility, born of pride and envy, between town and country. A modern electrified home is just as comfortable and delightful a home to live in as that enjoyed by city cousins. This has been one of the most cherished dreams of the R.E.A. administrator and his staff. Rural electrification provides more time for leisure on the farm, adding to its culture.

It can play a big part in the public health program. Electricity can help eliminate breeders of disease and help implement the rural co-operative hospital.

It creates more appeal toward the home, helps keep the boys and girls on the farm. Reports from all over the area proclaim that young people are remaining on, or returning to the farm in increasing numbers as a direct result of electrification.

From the social angle, good electric lights add to the enjoyment and effectiveness of meetings whether held in churches, community halls, school-houses or outdoors. Lighting of country roads and dangerous lateral highways are under consideration, and will come when electricity is cheap enough.

Plays Part in Schools

Electricity plays its part in the schools also, not only for lighting, but for domestic science and manual training courses.

Thousands of churches, schools and community halls take service from R.E.A. lines. They were the first and most eager consumers to apply for the service when farmers were organizing.

In former issues, I have traced the birth and development of this great co-operative enterprise, pointing out its advantages to the rural users in general and urbans in particular, not only from a financial standpoint which is great, but from the benefits derived in developing the country as private enterprise would never have done.

Public Ownership Vindicated

Even had private concerns had the vision to greater development, I have shown how their operating for the profit-alone motive does not benefit any except a few farmers with ability to pay. The medium

farmers of average means and even those whose revenue is below average, could and did benefit under R.E.A. Not only do they get a fair chance to have electricity to use but it helps them toward higher returns. Thus the old adage of Sweden: "Fewer rich and less poor people", comes to pass to enrich the American way of life.

Alberta Farmers Awake

The farmers of Alberta are awake to the need of electrification to keep up with progress. Like the United States at the beginning, they must take advantage of private companies who will build through the good districts and leave the unremunerative ones because they must have their

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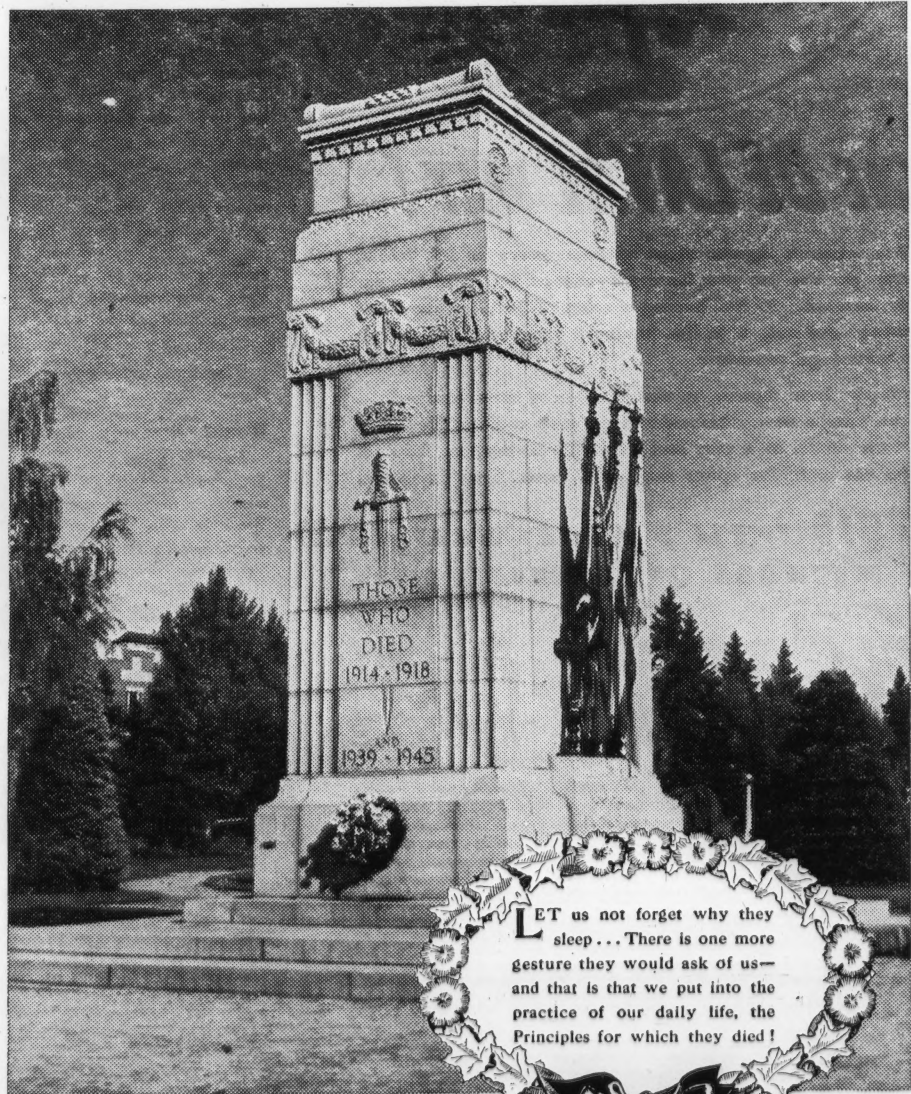
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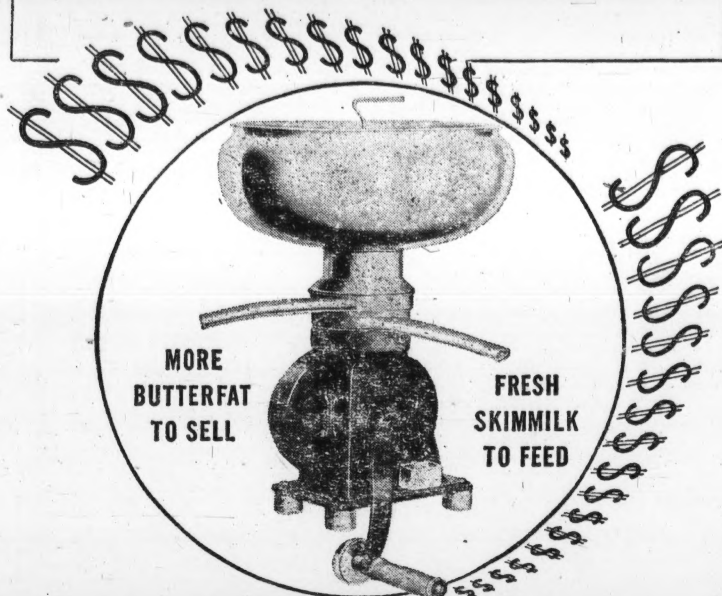
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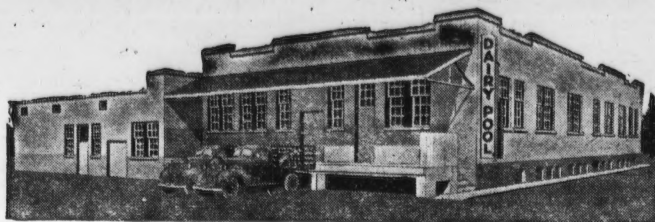
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Case Against Oleomargarine

Below is the third and concluding part of an article by Bryan L. White, of the *Ottawa Farm Journal*, dealing with the subject of oleomargarine.

It has been interesting to note that the Canadian Federation of Agriculture has given a good deal of attention to dangers of the present agitation. The views of President H. H. Hannam, were recently published in this section, and in a bulletin just issued by the Federation the following note appears, under the heading "It Might Happen in Canada":

Face Strong Campaign

"The dairy industry in Canada today is confronted with a strong campaign for the introduction of oleomargarine into Canada. There has been a ban on its manufacture and importation for many years.

"The United States permits the manufacture and sale of margarine, but now the manufacturers are engaged in a campaign to have the government remove the tax imposed on the product. In this connection the National Grange, oldest and one of the largest of the national farm organizations in the U.S. points out that these taxes are not for revenue, but for the administration of laws and regulations necessary to govern

the oleo industry. The Grange says: 'The experience of three-quarters of a century has furnished overwhelming proof that the oleo industry is one that requires supervision and inspection, if the interests of the public are to be safeguarded.' A report of the Food and Drug administration of the U.S. says: 'One of the most flagrant cases of spurious butter concerned an individual known to have made at least \$15,000 in a two-month period prior to fat rationing through buying oleo at 16 to 22 cents per lb., coloring it, wrapping it in quarter-pound sticks and selling it as country butter at 45 cents lb. to small retailers who sold it at 60 to 65 cents lb.'"

The final article from the *Ottawa Farm Journal* follows:

Would Anybody Really Benefit?

In the long run it is a highly debatable point if oleomargarine would benefit anybody in Canada. True, a cheaper spread would be provided for those who wanted it, but those people would be largely workmen who depend on the industries of Canada for their livelihood.

These industries depend to a large extent on Canada's farm population for the sale of their products, for each farmer is a buyer of capital goods as well as the ordinary needs of every household. Should the income of any large section of our farm population be adversely affected, industry, and those who work for industry, are bound to feel the effect. After all, the price of anything is only relative, depending wholly on the ability to purchase.

No Need in Canada

There is actually no need for oleomargarine in Canada. Except in very rare instances the butter industry has been able to supply the needs of this country for a spread. In the few instances where butter has become scarce the reasons were to be found in circumstances completely outside the farmers' control, drought, too wet weather, crop failures. And over the years Canadians have had little to complain about as regards the price of butter. It has never returned high profits either to farmers or manufacturers, has often been sold at great loss.

It must always be remembered there is no ban on either the sale, use or importation of the oils from which oleomargarine can be made.

As a matter of fact, millions of pounds of such oils, almost as much as the total make of butter, are used in Canada each year in the form of shortening.

The only ban is against the use and sale of these oils in direct competition with butter.

Same Right to Protection as Others

In the long run this amounts to a form of protection for the dairy industry, equivalent to that received by almost every other industry in Canada in the form of tariff protection. If it were not for such tariff protection there would be very few industries in Canada, very few workmen would be receiving high industrial wages. Employment in Canada would largely be in the hard tasks of getting out natural products to be sent to other countries for processing. The farmer has the same right as any Canadian workman to demand protection against cheaper competition. If he has not that protection, he should have the right to demand that the manufactured products which he requires to operate his farm, and for his home, should come to him as cheaply as possible, without having tariffs and import duties piled on the import price. This business of protection works both ways.

Abuses and Fraud

There is another important factor in this whole controversy which is often lost sight of. That is the protection of that section of the public who, should oleomargarine be allowed, would still want to use butter and be sure they were getting butter. Butter cannot be produced at prices to compete with oleomargarine. Therefore there would always be the temptation for dishonest traders to pass off oleomargarine as butter and reap the

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Statement of U.F.A. Board

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Amalgamation of Farm Organizations in Alberta

FOR some six or seven years past negotiations have been proceeding between our two farmers' primary organizations, and more recently including the Alberta Federation of Agriculture, with a view to bringing all the farm people of this Province into one unified organization. This was carried forward to the point of drawing up a new constitution for the Alberta Federation of Agriculture under which the U.F.A. and A.F.U. would carry their membership and local organizations into the Federation, thereby giving the Federation direct contact with the farm people in their local groupings and assuring that those local groups would have strong representation on the board of the Alberta Federation. The draft or provisional constitution drawn up jointly by contact committees of all three bodies and approved by each of the committees was submitted for approval to the three annual conventions in December, 1946, and January, 1947. It was approved by the Alberta Federation of Agriculture and the United Farmers of Alberta and rejected by the Alberta Farmers' Union.

The Annual U.F.A. Convention of January, 1947, received a wire from the A.F.U. which read as follows:

"Under instructions from our Board of Directors, following resolution passed unanimously at the Alberta Farmers' Union Convention held in Edmonton, January 7th to 11th, is being presented to you for consideration at your Convention: 'Whereas, the members of this Union are seeking ways to consolidate the efforts of farmers' direct membership organizations for the betterment of agriculture generally; Be it resolved, that this Convention of the A.F.U. instruct its Board of Directors to proceed to attempt the following: (a) to approach the U.F.A. with the view of amalgamating their direct bona fide farmer membership with our own without including any commercial organization; (b) to consult with the direct membership bona fide farmer groups in other Provinces as to the practicability of establishing a national organization consisting of an affiliation of Provincial non-commercial farm organizations'."

This message was placed before the Convention and discussed, with the result that the following resolution submitted to the Convention was passed with practically no dissent:

"Resolved, that the U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. make every move possible toward amalgamation, provided continued support of A.F.A. and C.F.A. shall be a condition of such amalgamation."

Since the 1947 Convention, committees of the two primary organizations have met twice. At the second meeting held in Edmonton on August 11th, the Contact Committee of the A.F.U. presented a statement laying down conditions under which their organization was prepared to proceed with a merger of the two bodies. These included—settlement of the question of bona fide farmer membership, provision in the constitution for the taking of direct action; also of "the right to co-operate with labor and similar groups into a plan for amalgamation"; and that the merger should exclude any commercial organization, i.e., co-operatives.

While these negotiations were being carried on, A.F.U. officials have conducted a campaign in several Provinces of the Dominion to set up a direct membership national organization across Canada. It is the judgment of the U.F.A. Board, sitting in special session in Calgary, October 23rd and 24th, that the events outlined in the foregoing have created a situation sharply differing from the desire of the membership of the United Farmers of Alberta. We feel that in view of the instructions of our Annual Convention no good purpose can be served by continuing negotiations on the present basis.

The above memorandum was presented by President George E. Church of the U.F.A. and his Committee to the Contact Committee of the Alberta Farmers' Union at a meeting in Edmonton on Wednesday, October 29th.

S.A.D.P. SECTION

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higher price. Not a week passes but that dozens of court prosecutions or this take place in the United States. It would mean a whole new lot of inspectors here, necessitate a great amount of additional protective legislation and policing, both by the Dominion and Provinces.

About forty per cent of the U.S. butter production is made by co-ops.

Barley Entries' Quality Is Unexpectedly High

Although 1947 has been an unfavorable season for barley, and the number of carload shipments to date in the \$25,000 National Barley Contest is somewhat reduced, the quality of entries so far inspected is unexpectedly high. Professor T. J. Harrison, chairman of the contest committee, reports that most of the cars received are grading 2 C.W.-Six Row.

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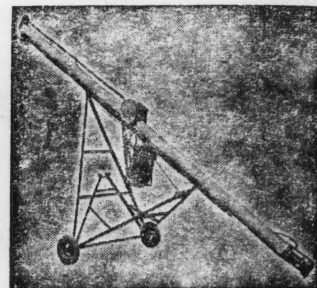
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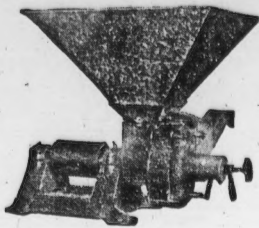
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POST-WAR CHRONICLE

Oct. 16th.—Britain reiterates decision to give up Palestine mandate "within limited period". Admiralty reports, now made public, completely clear Prince of Wales of culpability in disengaging from German battleship *Bismarck* in 1941.

Oct. 17th.—Britain agreed in 1944 that Russia should have "largely preponderant voice" in Bulgaria, Romania, while Greece remained in British "sphere of influence", states Byrnes; London spokesman says agreement was for purposes of military strategy only. At Lake Success, Britain urges Russia to accept U.S. general committee plan for one year.

Oct. 18th.—Reduction in Canadian national debt of one and half billions, in past year, announced by Ottawa.

Oct. 19th.—Living costs in U.S. were at record high figure in August, states Washington bureau of labor statistics. Eisenhower wants nothing to do with politics, informs press conference.

Oct. 20th.—French municipal elections give De Gaulle's new rightist "R.P.F." party few seats, but total popular vote estimated 40 per cent or more; Communists gain seats, Socialists lose ground. Czech and Slovak branches of Social Democrat party merge, announce opposition to Communists.



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Oct. 21st.—Paris transit strike ends after one week. Britain sells \$120 millions of gold to U.S. Vishinsky pleads for rejection U.S. proposal for Balkans "watchdog" committee of U.N. U.S. concludes case against 23 directors of Farbenindustrie, at Nuernberg. Legislation to limit power of House of Lords, and to nationalize gas industry, forecast in throne speech, at opening British Parliament.

Oct. 22nd.—No evidence of "any aggressive intention" found by party of eight British Labor M.P.s in Russian visit, declares Zilliacus, spokesman, for many years an official of the League of Nations; talk of iron curtain "dangerous and pernicious nonsense". Stalin quoted as willing to wait until Britain, U.S., "regain their reason". Canadian, L. B. Pearson, made chairman UN sub-committee on "little assembly" proposed by U.S.

Oct. 23rd.—Ramadier forms L. B. PEARSON new government to face grave French economic crisis. Bills granting Burmese independence, and providing \$400 millions for colonial development, introduced by Attlee. Truman calls special session of Congress for November 17th.

Oct. 24th.—U.S. action urgently needed to relieve hunger and cold abroad, declares Truman in national broadcast.

Oct. 25th.—French Communists demand boycott of American books, magazines, films. UN general assembly may meet in Europe, is Lake Success report.

Oct. 26th.—Pathans from Pakistan invade princely state of Kashmir, is New Delhi report.

Oct. 27th.—Leftist wing of Polish Peasant party seize headquarters, newspaper; former leader, Mikolajczyk, leaves country. Russia withdraws part of resolution calling for UN condemnation of U.S., Greece and Turkey for "war-mongering". Canadian resolution advocating "peace-mongering" accepted.

Oct. 28th.—Thousands fight in Paris streets as anti-Communist meeting held, police fighting street battle.

Oct. 29th.—American to act as advisor in Greek military action against guerrillas, announced in Athens.

Oct. 30th.—British government's gasoline rationing upheld in Parliament by only 27 votes, in early morning hours. Biggest multilateral trade agreement ever concluded, is signed at Geneva by 23 countries, including Canada, Britain, U.S.; tariffs reduced. Canadian Parliament called for December 5th. Ramadier's coalition government wins vote of confidence, in Paris. U.S., Britain, protest to Russia against seizure of oil refinery in Austria as part of reparations.

Oct. 31st.—Pathans continue to swarm into Kashmir, say R.A.F. observers; Indian government says situation unchanged, have sent in two battalions to defend Kashmir, which joined Indian state by action of its maharajah. Maniu, on trial for treason in Bucharest, admits statement of intention to form Romanian resistance government abroad.

Nov. 1st.—U.S. is turning Greek island of Phasos into military base to guard Dardanelles, charges Moscow. Britain renounces her share of Italian navy, following similar action by U.S. Mackenzie King will retire as Liberal leader in August, reported from Ottawa. New peasant international set up in Washington by anti-Communists from Europe will gear propaganda with that of the Vatican, says British *New Statesman* and *Nation*.

Nov. 2nd.—Results of British municipal elections announced; Conservatives gain 618 seats, net, Labor loses 644, two unreported. Greek army disperses guerrillas in Epirus, states

A.F.A. NOTES—(Contd. from page 3) companies. The Federation is fearful that an excessive increase in the price of feed grains will seriously affect the swine, dairy and livestock feeding industries.

The fact that these grains have been placed on the open market is viewed with disfavor and concern. Letters are coming into the office from affiliate organizations expressing a demand to have the Wheat Board handle coarse grains as well as wheat.

The meeting also dealt with details of the Annual meeting that will be held in Edmonton on December 11th and 12th. Arrangements have been completed to have J. H. Wesson, President of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, address the convention at an open meeting on the evening of December 11th.

A Board meeting on November 19th and 20th will be held in Calgary to prepare further details and to study the Annual Directors' report and financial statements before these are presented to the Annual Meeting.

Value of Science in Farm Practice Stressed

The value of agricultural training is stressed by Dr. F. J. Greaney, director, Line Elevators Farm Service, in a recent bulletin. Successful farming, he writes, requires just as much science and skill as does the practice of medicine, dentistry or any other profession; for this reason, training in farm science and sound farming experience are matters of real importance to the farmer of the future. Dr. Greaney commends as "sound and practical" the one- and two-year courses offered at the Olds and Vermillion Schools of Agriculture, and also calls attention to the various short courses in agriculture and home economics offered by agricultural institutions in the West, during the fall and winter.

Athens report. Allied claims for Japanese reparations total 188 per cent; all but Canadian claim (1.5 per cent) disputed by others as too high.

Nov. 3rd.—World Food Council (a body of FAO) meets today in Washington.

Nov. 4th.—Fierce battle rages near Srinagar, Kashmir. Bill to abolish hard labor, flogging, introduced British Parliament.

Nov. 5th.—Minority groups threaten withdrawal, Czech coalition government. Truman recommends no political strings be attached to U.S. aid to Europe.

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School Trustees Seek Canada-wide Outlook

Canadian Association Meets in Quebec

By HENRY E. SPENCER

The contributor of the following article, H. E. Spencer, of Edgerton, Alberta, is President of the Alberta School Trustees' Association.

THE length of journey to get to the City of Quebec reminds one of the vastness of this country and the problem we have to face, with ten school systems, in our efforts to build a united Canada.

In attendance at the Annual Convention of the Canadian School Trustees' Association, which it was my pleasure to attend in that city from September 8th to 11th, were representatives of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec and Nova Scotia. It is hoped yet to include others from New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island.

The meeting together of these representatives from the far-flung Provinces of Canada with their individual Provincial outlook and varied administrations, proved conclusively to all present the need of an organization that would enable those from the various Provinces to learn from each other, and so work towards the system of education that would serve Canada best. With the establishing of a Canadian citizenship, all delegates felt that greater responsibility now

rested on the school trustees, and that therefore it was imperative to build an active organization of the Canadian School Trustees' Association with a full membership to co-ordinate the educational work of the various Provinces.

The President of the Canadian Educational Association, Dr. B. O. Filteau, welcomed the delegates to the old City of Quebec, while D. H. Montgomery of Halifax led a discussion on school finance, followed by one on school building led by the Chairman, J. Barsbey of British Columbia. The writer gave a paper on larger school divisional administration, and Provincial reports were read by representatives of Ontario, Saskatchewan, Nova Scotia, British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba and Quebec. These reports were of interest to all, as every one was different, yet each had something to offer which others could adopt with advantage. This can be said too of the reports which were given later in the day.

Teacher Shortage in All Provinces

As is generally known, Ontario had instituted religious teaching in the schools. This activity was outlined by George Webster, the Vice-President from that Province. George Fitton of Manitoba spoke on qualifications and supply of teachers. All Provinces without exception seem to be suffering from a shortage.

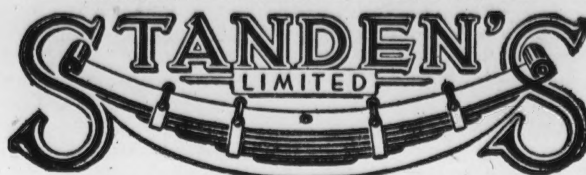
The new province to join the Canadian School Trustees' Association this year is Quebec, which is represented by J. V. Waddell, the President of the Protestant School Trustees' Association. He was added to the Executive, which otherwise is the same as last year, as follows:

J. Barsbey of B.C., President; H. E. Spencer, of Alberta; George Fitton of Manitoba; George Webster, of Ontario; H. Montgomery, of Nova Scotia, Vice-Presidents with C. W. McCool, of Saskatchewan, Secretary-Treasurer.

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sociation conference ended on Wednesday, followed the next three days by the convention of the Canadian Educational Association. To celebrate this event, the Government of the Province of Quebec gave a banquet to all delegates. To do full justice to this banquet would be difficult. What with the plentiful spread, the splendid floral decorations, the beautiful music by a choir of fifty, it certainly exemplified the height of hospitality, a thing at which the French excel.

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Dear Farm Women:

I have just been thinking what fortunate people we are in this age—at least the great majority of us. Tonight, for instance, is what we call a miserable night, cold and rainy; the kind of a night when home and the fire seem very pleasant. Yet I suppose if most of us were obliged to go out, it would probably be in a car from our door to our destination. It would not be a matter of the team and wagon, as some will remember would have been the case for them in what seems such a short time ago.

But if we stay at home, we can turn a dial and hear the world's latest news. We can hear plays and music and an infinite variety of entertainment. Also I might add, and thank goodness we can turn the dial and be done with it at our pleasure. Of course there may be someone in the room of different opinion. If so, we may not consider the radio an unmitigated blessing!

Time for Reading Longer

And as the evenings lengthen there is more time for reading. When we think of it, it is not so far back in history when only a few had the knowledge to do that and for those few there was a very limited supply of literature to hand. Today, everyone in the land has not only the opportunity but the obligation to learn to read. What that has added to life cannot be measured.

Do you remember in Boswell's "Life of Johnson" when he was speaking of the latter's father, who was a book seller and stationer, he said: "At that time booksellers' shops in the Provincial towns of England were very rare, so that there was not one even in Birmingham in which town old Mr. Johnson used to open a shop every market day."

The greater number of our small towns and villages feel the lack of a library of sufficient size to satisfy them. There always seems to be a shortage of funds for the purpose. I think there are always those willing to give of their time to be librarians at certain times, and there are places where the books might be kept.

Probably all of you do not think as I do. When I see a coffin laden with flowers or I see the long list noted in the paper of the floral tributes in memory of someone who has passed away, I cannot but wish it would become the custom to give a book, if one wished, to a local library. The book could be inscribed as a tribute of the giver.

More Tangible and Lasting Tribute

There are those I know who give to some fund. To many, I think, the book would give a more tangible tribute and remain a tribute long after the flowers were a thing of the past. Often we note that some organization or families—possibly one or two together—make a practice of paying an amount sufficient to buy a book so well worth-while that many would like to see and read the book but feel it rather beyond their purse. Would it not be the more lasting tribute, for instance, to get "The Music Lovers' Hand Book" by Elsie Siegmeyer—the first book I picked up, and a borrowed one I might say—in memory of someone who would have liked it?

In some cases families are dying out in the community; families which played well their part in the new country. Their names will soon be out of knowledge. Would it not be

a pleasing thought to know they were living on in the contribution they were still, in a sense, making to the community?

Yours sincerely,

H. ZELLA SPENCER.

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Hussar U.F.W.A. recently arranged a dance, sale of home cooking and raffle—the latter in aid of the Shriners' hospital for crippled children.

A complete baby lavette will be one feature of Three Hills U.F.W.A.'s forthcoming bazaar, the menu for tea will be chicken a la king, pickles, cake and tea, writes Mrs. Edith Frame, secretary.

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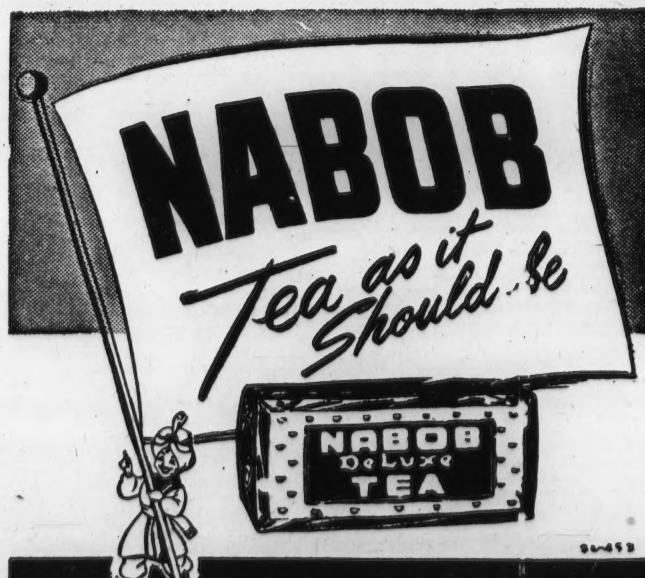
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A whist drive will be held November 11th, by Clyde U.F.W.A., to raise funds for delegates' expenses.

Highlight of a recent meeting of Arrowwood U.F.W.A. was a display of very beautiful hand-woven materials brought from Sweden by Mrs. Thorsen, reports Mrs. R. F. Williams, secretary.



Farm Home and Garden

Hotbeds in Fall: Preparation of the hotbed in the fall, if this can be managed, makes for better and earlier bedding-out plants in the spring. The Department of Agriculture suggests digging of the pit and erection of the frame in the fall; then in early spring, filling of the bed with the heating agent (usually horse manure) and soil will be comparatively simple. The width suggested is five feet, eight inches, so that a six-foot sash can rest snugly upon the frame.

Turkeys for Breeding Stock: should be selected for plumpness and roundness of breast fleshing, and general blockiness of body, which are inherited characteristics.

Hobbies make for health. In cases where normal work does not occupy one fully, the Department of National Health urges taking up of hobbies. To be healthy and happy, they say, people must be fully occupied. Many farm women are too fully occupied; but those whose daily work doesn't fill their days and evenings completely should take up weaving, knitting or some of the other fascinating handicrafts; or drawing, or music, or reading with a definite purpose, or almost anything that they enjoy doing.

Pumpkin Chiffon Pie: Mix 3/4 cup sugar with 1/2 tsp. each ginger, cinnamon, salt; add 1-1/2 cups cooked, mashed pumpkin, 3 tbs. melted butter, 1 cup light cream, yolks of 3 eggs; fold in stiffly beaten whites of 3 eggs. Pour into 10-inch pie shell; bake 10 minutes in hot oven, then reduce heat to moderate for 35-45 minutes.

Presentations were made recently by Hazel Bluff U.F.W.A. (Westlock) to Mrs. Lyons and Mrs. Violet, for their work "which won our Local second handicraft prize in the 1946 conference", writes Mrs. W. E. McKibbin.

Champ Plowman Is Aged Ten



Although he is only 10 years old and weighs a mere 66 pounds, Jimmy Thomas of Maple, Ont., won top honors in the class under 14 years at the King and Vaughan plowing match. Jimmy is shown with one of the team he borrowed to win. About 2,000 attended the matches.

Roll call at the last meeting of Iron Creek U.F.W.A. (Viking) brought out a very nice program of solos, readings, riddles and jokes, writes Mrs. H. S. Peterson, secretary. These ladies plan a sale of donated articles, in December, to raise funds for Convention expenses.

Little Folks' Puzzle



Tommy has been given a magnifying glass, and he loves to play with it and trace out clues. He has just found a clue. If you take a pencil and join all the numbered dots together, beginning with dot 1 and ending with dot 16, you will have a picture of Tommy's clue. Color when finished.

Balzac Juniors Planning to Present Play

The play "Snafu" was chosen by Balzac Junior U.F.A., at their last meeting, for presentation later in the season. A party to which Beddington and Conrich Juniors will be invited, is to be further discussed at the November meeting. Cost of a large tumbling mat was found to be prohibitive, so several members volunteered to bring old mattresses for tumbling purposes, writes Betty Starke, secretary.

"CBC School for Parents"

Commencing on November 6th, the series "CBC School for Parents" will be heard every Thursday afternoon at 2:48 p.m., MST. Speakers will include S. R. Laycock, of the University of Saskatchewan, Dr. Wallace Grant, of the Winnipeg Children's Hospital, and Dr. Elizabeth Robertson, CBC nutrition adviser. The first broadcast will be entitled "Family Living", and this will be followed by "Schools for Parents", "Adventures of One-Year-Old", "How Children Grow Up", "Distress Signals", etc.

It was decided to donate the Local's books to the library at Nanton, at a recent meeting of Nanton U.F.W.A. "Racial Prejudice" was the subject of a very fine address by Rev. Dr. J. M. Fawcett.

Answer to roll call, at a recent meeting of Edmonton U.F.W.A. was made by giving an item of parliamentary news, states Mrs. Bessie Cowan. Mrs. Stetson took the bulletin on legislation and Mrs. Dorland the health bulletin.

An open meeting, in the church, was held recently by Roosevelt U.F.W.A. (Woolford) to give all the women of the district an opportunity to hear Miss McIntyre, of Olds, give her interesting talk on "Family Relations", reports Mrs. Mary L. Roberts.

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CANADIAN PACIFIC

Opposition to daylight saving time unless on a national basis was registered by the Union of Alberta Municipalities at their annual convention in Lethbridge last week.

Coarse Grains Situation

By LEONARD D. NESBITT,
Superintendent of Publicity,
Alberta Wheat Pool.

The lifting of the ceilings on oats and barley on October 22nd and the elimination of the feeders' subsidy of 10c on oats and 25c on barley has resulted in an increased price to feeders, as of November 3rd, of 27c a bushel on oats and 48c a bushel on barley.

Prices to feeders of the two grains as between October 21st and November 3rd, Calgary freight basis, were:

	Feed Oats per bu.	Feed Barley per bu.
November 3rd.....	.77	1.08
October 21st.....	.60	.85
Increase.....	.17	.23
Increase through subsidy removal.....	.10	.25
Total increase.....	.27	.48

Feeders Losers

Those farmers who sell oats and barley on the market gained 17c and 23c a bushel respectively. Feeders who must purchase their requirements are the losers.

Those farmers who raise and feed their own coarse grains are in the position where they must decide whether it is to their advantage to

Livestock Markets Review

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, Nov. 4th.—Trade is slower this week. Hogs sold yesterday \$21.50, Grade A, sows \$13 liveweight. Good lambs were \$12.75 to \$13.25, good ewes \$5.50 to \$6.25. Good to choice butcher steers sold \$13.25 to \$14.25, down to \$11.50 for common; good to choice heifers \$12 to \$12.75, down to \$10 for common; good cows \$8.75 to \$9.25, down to \$6.50 for common; canners and cutters \$4 to \$6.

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, Nov. 4th.—Bulk of good to choice steers sold last week \$13 to \$14, choice butcher heifers \$12 to \$12.50, down to low of \$7; good light cows \$9 to \$9.50, bulls \$7 to \$9; choice heavyweight veal calves were \$12 to \$13, down to \$7 for plain and common kinds; Grade A hogs for shipment \$22.25, at local plants \$21.50; good to choice heavyweight lambs \$12.50 to \$13.50, medium \$10 to \$12.

continue feeding or to sell their grain. This class never benefited from coarse grains subsidies and, as a consequence, were somewhat resentful as they felt they were being discriminated against.

East Benefitted Most

Under the system prevailing prior to October 22nd, Eastern Canadian feeders benefitted most. Not only did they get their grain under the advantage of ceiling prices, but they also got the 10c and 25c subsidies, and furthermore obtained free freight from Fort William eastward. In the crop year 1946-47 around 90 million bushels of oats and barley were shipped eastward under free freight. On the other hand, Eastern feeders provided a substantial market for Western feed grains.

In times of heavy yields and narrowed outlets the Eastern Canadian market is a valuable one. Right now the United States market would be the most profitable, but a federal embargo prevents coarse grains from being exported.

The domestic (Western) demand for coarse grains also provides an important outlet to commercial producers of oats and barley. The increase in livestock on the prairies has resulted in a better-balanced agriculture. It is contended that it would be a serious mistake for the West to return to a predominantly grain-producing economy.

Annual Conference

The annual conference of U.F.A. Co-operatives will be held in Calgary November 21st and 22nd, announces General Manager Norman F. Priestley.

RURAL ELECTRIFICATION

(Continued from page 6)

the United Farmers and Farm Women, just as the Wheat Pool was, are the envy of all rural people here who know the facts. Co-operative hospitals are only starting here. Grain Co-ops. are started but not linked up on any scale.

While they are learning from you, how to do these things, you in turn have the chance to study co-operative successes here and apply that knowledge to yourselves. Will you do so? Here's hoping so.

POSTSCRIPTS: The foregoing is the last of the series of articles which it has been my pleasure to write for *The Western Farm Leader*. I just want to add a few postscripts, dealing in part with statistics which show the most remarkable growth during the present year of the services obtained by the farmers through R.E.A.

Now 61 Per Cent Electrified
There are now in the U.S. 3,574,641 electrified farms or 61 per cent as compared with 3,132,133 or 54.3 per cent a year previously.

More than 2-1/4 million American farms were not electrified on June 30, 1947, R.E.A. estimates show. 400,000 obtained the service of central stations

The Dairy Market

The butter market appears to be strengthening again slightly in the East and in Vancouver; Montreal and Toronto are quoting 59, Vancouver 58. Locally, prints are 59 cents, and butterfat also is 59 cents.

U.F.A. BOARD—(Contd. from page 1)
in the interests of the beef cattle industry.

Opposed to Oleo

The Board went on record as "opposing the importation of oleomargarine, and of vegetable oils when they are used in the manufacture of Oleomargarine."

The Dominion Government was urged to make "immediately... an interim payment on wheat."

HOLSTEIN AVERAGE \$1,085

The fifth annual All-Canadian Holstein sale, held recently in Toronto, realized \$86,760 on 79 head, or an average of \$1,085.

during the present year.

Quoting Claude Wickard

Administrator Claude R. Wickard said: "In spite of the great progress in rural electrification since 1935, when only 10.9 per cent of our farms had service, the task remaining is more difficult than what has been so far accomplished. The areas easy to electrify for the most part have been electrified."

Only a policy of full area coverage, such as has been adopted by the more than 1,000 R.E.A. financed co-operatives and power districts, gives assurance that the 2-1/4 million unserved farms will ultimately get power."

Could Conserve Food Now Wasted

The world today is desperately short of food. I can't help thinking if you in Alberta had more electrical food-lockers for freezing and also drying plants, how much wasted food you could conserve. If B.C. could dry her onions, it would help so much, as the spoilage of present method is great. We buy a dried onion here in small cans and they are good as fresh ones for seasoning, absolutely no waste and prepared ready to add to your stews, etc.

Recently I watched a dehydrator drying alfalfa. No matter if it has rained and the crop comes in wet, it is all saved. No need to tell farmers in Alberta of all the uses of dried, cut alfalfa. This one was small and set out in the centre field of an alfalfa district so farmers did not have to haul the crop to town even. Perhaps you've something like it around Brooks, but with more irrigation projects in Alberta, you would have more electric power to process both human and stock food right on the farm.

With electricity come modern homes which keep the young folks on the farm to run these processing units and electricity also gets away from centralizing much of the country's labor.

I forgot to state a good highway ran through this alfalfa district, the dehydrator was situated on it, so trucks could be used to haul the crop away, which means decentralization at its best, a better price to the producer and the best possible way of life for the rural people. It would work with many other kinds of farm crops.

—C.J.K.

EDITORIAL

(Continued from page 4)

The Board has placed before the membership a detailed statement upon the situation as it is today, and has asked that this invitation be given consideration with a view to action at the Convention to be held in Edmonton in January.

This is a matter of major importance, to which, in the light of all the information before them, Locals will be able to reach positive conclusions.

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A Great Opportunity for Farm People

By JOSEPH GALWAY
Secretary, National Farm Radio Forum

Farm people in Alberta need only an introduction to interest them in National Farm Radio Forum. This was very evident to J. R. McFall, Secretary of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture and me, after a week of travelling from Lethbridge to Edmonton. Talking to dozens of farmers and their wives on the farms in their homes and in community halls has strengthened our belief in the future possibilities of this discussion group program.

Help From District Agriculturalists

Every contact was an interesting one and the result should be a greatly increased number of Forums in the 1947-48 season. One of the most encouraging aspects of our trip was the assistance received from the District Agriculturalists. They see in Farm Forum a unit through which they can do extension work more effectively and more economically.

If someone were to enquire why Farm people of Alberta should be particularly interested in Farm Forum, I think the answer might be given in four parts. First, there is the opportunity of becoming better acquainted with their neighbors; second, there is the opportunity of becoming better informed on problems that affect the every day life of the farmer; third, farm opinion of rural Alberta along with those of other Provinces will be placed on record before the bar of all Canadian citizens; and fourth, there is the opportunity of accomplishing, through group action, community betterment projects that might never be undertaken by any one individual. I am sure that any one of these achievements would warrant the effort it takes to organize a Forum.

Plan Meetings on Forum Nights

In rural communities boasting a local unit of a Provincial farm organization, we found members interested in using Farm Forum as a supplement to their program. Many locals have already arranged to hold their monthly meetings on the fourth night of each Forum series. Smaller neighborhood groups will meet each Monday in a Forum during the other three evenings of each series. In this way the local will automatically receive an uplift. Members meeting each week during the winter in discussion, studying farm problems from "What's new in Health" to the National Marketing Act, cannot help but be better prepared to participate in the activities of their local farm organization.

In National Farm Radio Forum, rural people of Alberta have the opportunity of a lifetime. Indications are that they intend to make the very best use of it.

OTTAWA LETTER (Cont. from page 1) over the past year. There was an increase of 14.8 per cent in Eastern and 5.9 per cent in Western Canada. The increase in Alberta was 2.6 per cent.

Although the fact is well known, it might not be out of place to mention that in January, 1947, by agreement with the United Kingdom Minister

Dry Peas Production

The 1947 production of dry edible peas in Canada is estimated at 110 million pounds—19 per cent less than that of 1946, but 37 per cent above the 1935-39 average. Dry bean production is estimated at 98 million pounds, a little larger than that of 1946 and 26 per cent over the 1935-39 average.

The Western Farm Leader LEGAL DEPARTMENT

By HON. J. E. BROWNLEE,
K.C., LL.D.

Paid-up subscribers may submit questions to be answered free of cost in this section, but not by mail.

Reply to Enquiry

Cow Adopts Farmer

Subscriber.—What is the legal way to proceed in finding the owner of a cow who has stayed with us two winters? She has got a brand which is not registered in any brand book. I notified the brand reader in our community the first winter she was here, also notified the R.C.M.P., who said he had nothing to do with the matter. She has now a yearling heifer and also a spring calf. I have had several parties here looking her over, stating they do not know the owner. I do not care to have her here another winter. It looks like she has decided to stay here for good.

Ans.—Two years ago when the cow first appeared at your place you could have had it impounded and disposed of by the pound-keeper in the regular way. After two years, however, the animal can hardly be said to be running at large, and you can hardly impound her now. You have made reasonable efforts to locate the owner and I cannot see that any further duty rests upon you.

If, however, you still wish to "legally dispose of the animal" I can only suggest that, as you apparently reside in an unorganized district, you obtain a copy of the Domestic Animals (Unorganized Territory) Act, and follow very carefully the provisions of sections 51 to 56 inclusive.

(Other replies next issue)

of Food, the bacon contract price was increased \$1.00 per cwt., one half effective in January the other half on September 1st, 1947. It is generally felt that the goodwill gained by the Canadian farmer for extensive bacon shipments during and after the war will be further strengthened if deliveries are steadily increased toward fulfilling contracts and that this will pay definite dividends to the farmers in years to come.

(Inspected slaughterings of hogs from January 1st to October 18th were 3,031,421 compared with 3,280,002 in the same period of 1946, a decline of 7.6 per cent. There was an increase of 12.1 per cent in Eastern and a decline of 27.7 per cent in Western Canada. During the same periods cattle slaughterings were down by 29.2 per cent when compared with 1946, the numbers being 873,555 compared with 1,233,889.)

Since the close of the war, all big Canadian agricultural fairs have been getting back into operation. From November 18th to 25th, there will be the Royal Winter Fair at Toronto, and although not in Canada, farmers in this country will be greatly interested as always in the International Livestock Exposition and Grain and Hay Show at Chicago at which Cana-

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MUSTARD AND CRESS

By SYDNEY MAY

Hello, Folks!

Postcard from G.H.M. wants to know if we noticed that Hon. W. A. Fallow, Minister of Public Works, has been down east addressing the Canadian Good Roads Association. Certainly, G.H.M., but we positively do not believe that he was billed as the Colossus of Roads.

OH, THESE WOMEN

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And now we are wondering since Britain has given freedom to India

who the notorious Col. McCormick of Chicago will blame for all the troubles that country is now experiencing.

Something like \$47,000,000 annually is being spent in Canada for soft drinks. We always did think it was expensive trying to keep pop on ice.

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A pint of ale to fill your pot,
But pause, don't stay or else you'll rot,
Brazil is calling—start to trot.
Who cleaned out poor Pablo's till?
Dear friends, our boy has reached Brazil.
Then tiring of the coffee bean,
Voilà—the Argentine,
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Latin lady bolt your door,
Now Ronnie's off to Ecuador.
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Rum in Rio, chops in Chile.
Oh, Ronnie's firm, determined mouth
Shouts, "Onward, onward, ever South."
Sound the trumpet, the day is born,
R. H. Hansen has reached Cape Horn. . . .

One month later, egad, not that!!
The boy is sucking blubber fat,
Squatting on an icy knoll,
Mother have mercy, the exact South Pole!!

I wonder will he e'er go forth
On homeward trek to Canada north.

—Barney Milstein, Calgary.

We see by the papers that the Owen Sound authorities have rejected a colored girl's application for admission to the hospital's nurses training course. That ought to be enough to make the whole town sick.

About 100 British teachers will be offered employment in the Transvaal this year. Here's hoping they don't get in Dutch.

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Dear Musty: I don't mind these longer skirts the gals are all so hot and bothered about. What I want to see, however, are those dresses which hold on tight when going round the curves. Hoping you are the same,
—Knotty Frankie.

Oh yes, and we see that men's trousers are to be a bit shorter in the future. But we'll bet there will be little change in their

pockets, no matter what fashion decrees.

We notice that a U.S. judge has ruled that a wife has every right to go through her husband's clothes while he is asleep. And that, my friends, explains the paragraph above.

Well, well, folks, out at our chicken ranch October just dropped in to remind us that "The Iceman Cometh".

OUCH! OUCH!! OUCH!!!

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